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 ACCOUNTS have been received from Lieutenant Gardiner, of the Antrim Militia, that early on Monday the 25th instant, a Body of REBELS, consisting of several Thousands, marched from the Mountains of Wicklow, to attack Hacketstown. On seeing them approach, Lieutenant Gardiner, with the Troops under his Command, viz. fifty Upper-Talbotstown, Twenty-Four Shebagh Cavalry, fifty of the Antrim Regiment, forty-six Hacketstown, and thirty Coolattin Yeoman Infantry, took Post on the most advantageous Ground near the Town, to endeavour to prevent the REBELS from gaining Possession of it; but after a few Rounds, the Rebels filed off in every Direction, with an Intent to surround and cut him off. Lieutenant Gardiner then retreated with the Infantry to line the Walls and Windows of the Barrack. A Contest continued in the Midst of Flames (for the REBELS set Fire to the Town) for nine Hours, when they were obliged to retreat. Lieutenant Gardiner states that the REBELS suffered greatly, and that thirty Car-Loads of their killed and wounded were carried off by them in their Retreat, and many of their Dead were found in the Streets and Ditches.

Lieutenant Gardiner acknowledges, in the warmest Terms, the gallant Conduct of the Officers and Men, and gives particular Praise to Lieutenant James Rowan, of the Antrim Regiment; Captain Hume, of the Upper-Talbotstown Cavalry; Captain and Lieutenant Chamley, of the Coolattin Infantry; Lieutenants Saul and Thomas, of the Hacketstown Corps; and Lieutenants Braddell and Taylor, of the Shebagh Cavalry; and Serjeant Nixon, of the Antrim Regiment.

Lieutenant Gardiner severely regrets the Loss of a good Officer, Captain Hardy, of the Hacketstown Yeoman Infantry, who fell early in the Action.

RETURN of killed and wounded in the Defence of Hacketstown, June 25, 1798.

Upper Talbotstown Cavalry—Four killed, one wounded.

Antrim Detachment—One Serjeant and four Privates wounded.

Hacketstown Infantry—Four killed, six wounded.

Coolattin Infantry—Eight wounded.

Supplementary—Two wounded.

Total—Ten killed, twenty wounded.

MY LORD,

Kilkenny, 27th June, 1798.

"I HAVE the Honour to send you enclosed a Return of the killed and wounded in the Action with the REBELS at Kilconnel-Hill, on the 26th of June, and a Return of the Ordnance, Ammunition, &c. &c. taken on that Day. I have the Pleasure to assure you, that every Thing they possessed has fallen into our Hands; and, from subsequent Accounts, the Loss they sustained was much greater than I had the Honour of stating to you in my former Dispatch. I have no Doubt but this Victory will restore the Counties of Kilkenny and Carlow to Peace and Tranquillity.

"I have the Honour to be,

"My Lord,

"Your Lordship's

"Most obedient humble Servant,

"CHA. ASGILL,

"Major-General."

Right Hon. Viscount Castlereagh.

RETURN



**RETURN of the killed, wounded, and missing of the TROOPS engaged at Kilcon-  
nel-Hill, on the 26th instant, under the Command of Major General Sir Charles  
Asgill.**

Mount-Leinster Yeoman Infantry—One Lieutenant killed.

5th Dragoons—One Horse missing.

9th Dragoons—One Serjeant wounded, one Horse killed.

Hompfe's Hussars—One Rank and File wounded.

Maryborough Yeoman Cavalry—One Rank and File wounded, four Horses  
killed.

Total—One Lieutenant, one Corporal killed; one Serjeant and three Rank  
and File wounded; five Horses killed, and one missing.

#### **OFFICERS NAMES KILLED.**

Lieutenant Stones, of the Mount-Leinster Yeoman Infantry.

#### **RETURN of ORDNANCE, COLOURS and AMMUNITION TAKEN.**

One Colours, five four Pounders, five one Pounder, four Swivels, a few  
Guns, and a Number of Pikes, which were destroyed as soon as taken. A Number  
of Shot of different Sizes, with a Quantity of Lead and Moulds.

#### **RETURN of STORES TAKEN.**

Black Cattle

Sheep

Horses

Total

1170

100

700

970

Also a vast Quantity of Bedding, Blanketting, and wearing Apparel.

J. LEWIS HIGGINS,

Lieut. 9th Dragoons,

Acting Brigade Major.

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